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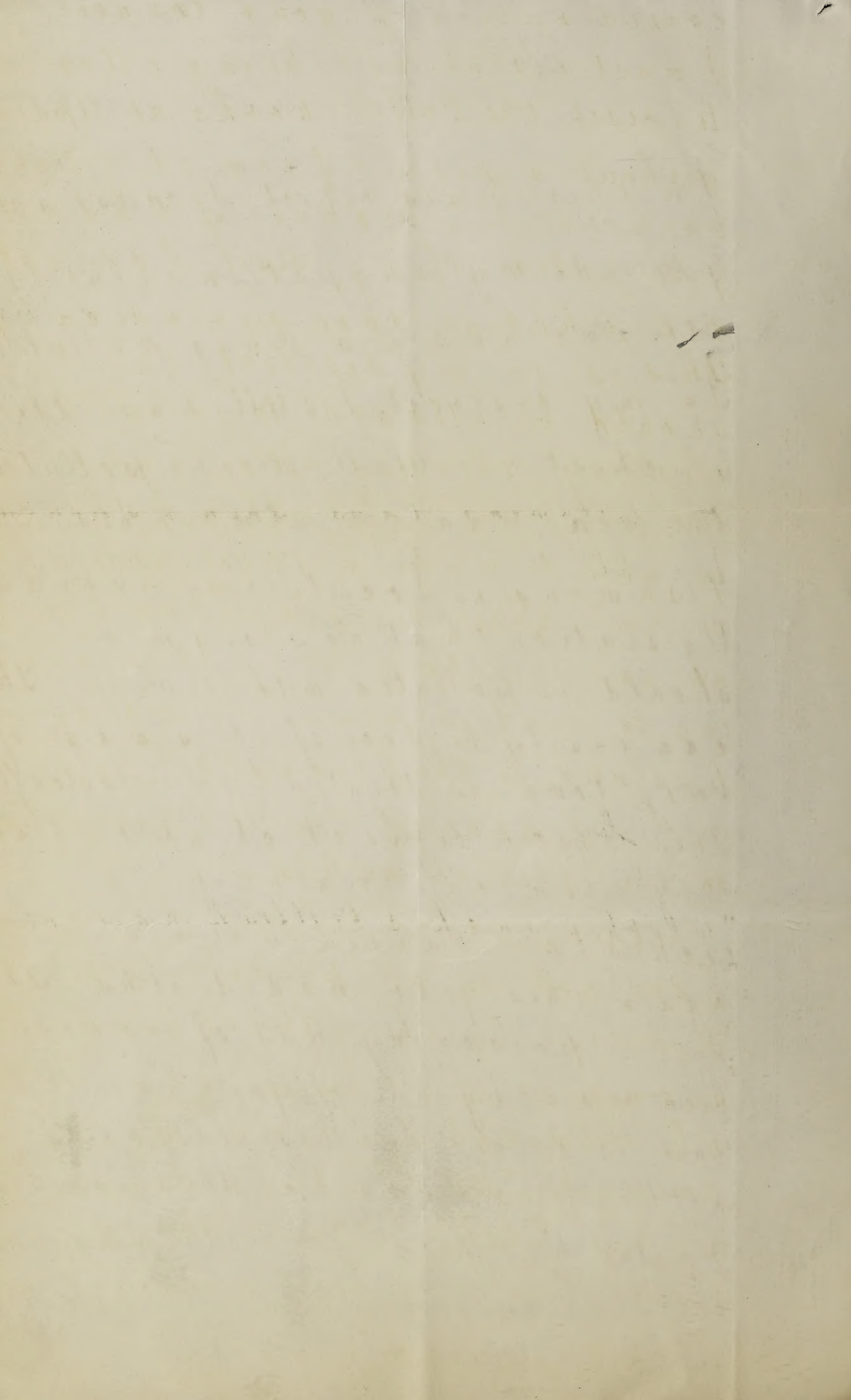
SWS North Pallant

Gentlemen —

Chichester  
July 13. 903

In this year's report I must again revert to my suggestion about the streams and sea being polluted. In my district I still have the Chichester outfall works polluting the sea, and the atmosphere. The Fishmongers' Society has asked for legislation that no stream or sea should be polluted with sewage. This can easily be done if the sewage of every town is treated Bacteriologically. This system is much cheaper than any chemical treatment. The cockles have caused Enteric Fever again this year and deaths — The oyster poisoning has of course been read by all of your Council — This is a serious business, and although a Dean has died, and a Doctor has died, foul streams must not flow on for ever. Dr Klein's report on the oysters is worth the







consideration of your Council,  
I must resent not being allowed  
to visit the Outfall works at Apuldn  
without a permit from the Lhiches  
corporation, because if I have to  
give notice of my visit, I cannot  
see what is done periodically.  
This is in my district, and I  
should be allowed to go on <sup>all holidays such</sup> Christ-  
mas Day, the day after, and the  
two following days. Then I should  
be able to make a report as to what  
is being done, being holiday time,  
or not holiday time. It is interest-  
ing to read a memorial which was  
presented to the Lhichester Council  
1898, by some of the leading citizens  
on the question asked—

"Whether such shellfish have or  
"have not in all probability been  
"poisoned by the effluent from the  
"sewage outfall works."

The Medical Officer of Health  
answered, "No, I do not consider it  
at all likely, or possible that the  
shell-fish have been poisoned by  
the effluent from the sewage outfall







works, any more than the fish off  
the Nabs Lightship off the Isle of  
Wight, or the crabs and lobsters  
brought into the city - from the bed  
near the Owers light ship off Selsey  
Bill, have been contaminated by it,  
but if they have been poisoned at  
all, which however, I think is very  
doubtful, I am more inclined  
to believe it to have been from the  
filth still allowed to go into the  
channel, from the Lavant course.  
This contamination of the Fishbourne  
creek has continued, so that it  
should be called now, the Fish-  
barren creek."

The fishermen said at the preliminary  
enquiry that any sewage put into the  
Buckingham Harbour would never  
get out, but at this some laughed,  
their words have proved too true  
and anyone seeing the state of  
the mud, may well exclaim, sew-  
age and sea-water will not mix.

The diseases which arise from shell-  
fish being poisoned are the diseases  
termed "preventible diseases". And as  
His Majesty the King said when he was







the Prince of Wales, "if there are preventible diseases, why are they not prevented?"

I have asked the Medical Officer Health for Chichester to give me the number of cases of Diphtheria which occurred in the City last year, but he has not done so. This, I think speaks for itself, and in the same letter he asks, "how many cases of Scarlet Fever and Diphtheria I have had in my district, This of course I have given him.

The number of Enteric Cases that have occurred in the district are nineteen. There were fourteen due to cockle poisoning, one was due to oysters. Two more were due to insanitary conditions of houses and two were intractable.

The diphtheria cases were 30 for the year. This is a large number and I think, they would not occur if the







Chichester sewage system was a proper one and the sewage disposal works were treated as at Hampton on Thames - but at present the Corporation of Chichester do not recognise bacteria treatment, although I brought it to their notice four years and a half ago and have made a small installation for Goodwood House, which works well and is open to their inspection. The number of cases which have occurred in Chichester I have said before cannot be given me by the Medical Officer for Chichester. There have been 33 cases of Scarlet Fever and the ten cases at Hansham. I think would have been less if the first case had been promptly moved into the Isolation Hospital. I may state that the Isolation Hospital has been most useful and that every case has been taken to it.







which was asked to be treated there  
The number of Births has been 28  
The number of Deaths at all ages 176  
which represents a rate of 12.6 per 1000  
Last year the Death rate was 14.5  
per 1000 so we may say this  
last year has been better as  
regards the Death rate by 2 per 1000  
There were 91 cases of diseases  
notified out of a population of  
13,928.

I append a statement of the  
work done by the Inspector  
of Nuisances.

I remain  
Gentlemen  
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which was with the French  
the number of letters has been 25  
the number of letters at all times 176  
which is known a rate of 12 per  
cent per year the estimate of 176  
has been done in my day this  
last year has been better as  
reported the estimate by 2 years

and in 1767 the estimate of 176  
has been done in my day this  
last year has been better as  
reported the estimate by 2 years

1802  
I have a statement of the  
work done by the American  
of the year 1802